

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-6 are pending and stand rejected. Claims 2 and 7-11 have been canceled.

In Takahashi, the image frame is divided into a plurality of areas, and the system control circuit applies weighting processes to the integrated values on these areas, with the weighting coefficients predetermined corresponding to the phototaking mode selected. Exposure control is effected, such as the control of the iris, shutter speed and gain, based on the sum of the weighted integrated values of the areas (see, col. 8, lns. 7-35).

In the instant application, on the other hand, the parameters are determined (i.e., exposure control is effected) according to a selected method of metering, an image is captured under the determined exposure parameters, and a captured image is corrected on the basis of information used for determining the exposure parameters. For example, claim 1 requires “a corrector for correcting said image captured under the exposure parameters determined by said exposure determining element through a correcting process” and “the corrector corrects at least one of the specific areas of the image through the correcting process set based upon the determined exposure parameters of the specific areas”.

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